



Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Inn on Poplar Hill

Bed and Breakfast

Orange, Virginia

The Inn on Poplar Hill is a bed and breakfast in Orange, Virginia near the University of Virginia and Montpelier. The Inn is Queen Anne Victorian and was built in the 1890's. The Inn offers six bedrooms with private baths on 28 acres. Small and larger wedding parties are welcome. Inn on Poplar Hill is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Inn on Poplar Hill, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional Linen Service**
- 🌱 **Recycling**
- 🌱 **Water Conservation**
- 🌱 **Energy Conservation**
- 🌱 **Green Events Package**



Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use of linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

Recycling

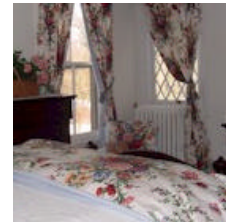
- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries and electronic equipment
- Compost excess food

Waste Reduction

- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Refill water pitchers that minimizes single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown, organic, sustainable grown produce and other foods
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides

Water Conservation

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets
- Effective landscape management plan
- Effective storm water management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



Energy Conservation

- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use ceiling fans
- Have solar panels
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

For more information on **Inn on Poplar Hill**, see
www.innonpoplarhill.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see
www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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